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MIGNONETTE MACHEL
(The New Variety)

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1888.

"Krys," it would appear from a previous letter published in our morning contemporary of the 20th of June last, has been a warder or turnkey, either in Singapore or some other dead-and-alive hole in the Malay peninsula. And from his experiences obtained in that position the modestly indicates in the columns of a public newspaper that he knows all that is worth knowing about prison management, and that the Hongkong gao officials, from the Superintendent downwards, know absolutely nothing. Under ordinary circumstances we would simply ignore what is merely the inborn vulgar egotism of an illiterate person whose presumption finds vent—thanks to the *Daily Press*—in frothy twaddle. But it so happens that "Krys" raises a special point in his communication that is of even more importance than the periodical escape of a few Chinese convicts, whose original offences were in many cases of the most insignificant character. This reformer, who knows so much about gao management that he must needs inebriate himself to the world through the public press, bases his alleged perfect system on two special factors—namely, solitary confinement and a liberal use of the lash. From persons of his class nothing else could be reasonably looked for; they understand nothing but brute force; the progress of civilisation, the impulses of humanity, the true aim of incarcerating offenders against society's laws, the dictates of commonsense even to hieroglyphics to such low-minded caricatures of intelligent manhood. The separate system is no novelty in Hongkong; it has been discussed times out of number, and is generally acknowledged to be quite unnecessary in dealing with the scum of the Kwangtung province—whom we confine but do not pretend to regenerate.

The only known method of preventing Chinese convicts from escaping, according to this authority, consists in having them strictly guarded by soldiers, in loading them with heavy chains and enforcing eternal silence, confining each one in a separate cell, and in flogging them severely for even the most minor offence. We should be insulting the intelligence of our readers by recognising this self-constituted prison reformer's brutal suggestions to the extent of even seriously discussing them. Discipline can readily be ensured amongst prisoners without recourse to loading them with chains, or brutalising them by solitary confinement and wholesale flogging, and the Government possesses both ways and means to attain this end if it will take the trouble to utilise them. There has undoubtedly been conspicuous neglect somewhere in the management of our convicts for some considerable time past, but an effective remedy for official shortcomings would scarcely have been found in "doses of from one to thirty cuts with a rattan," however carefully administered, or in the yells of a wretched man whose life was being flogged out of him for some slight breach of prison regulations. It may perhaps interest "Kays" and those of his way of thinking, to know what the late **CHARLES DICKENS** thought of this flogging business! **DICKENS** probably knew the world as well as any man of his time, and here is what he once wrote about the lash:—

Just one word more and we have done with "Kays" and his crude, old world notions. A Coroner's inquest was held in Victoria Gaol the other day on the body of a Chinese prisoner named PUN ASING. Evidence was given that deceased had been punished on several occasions for breach of gaol discipline, and Drs. CANTLIE and JARVIS were of opinion that *death resulted from faulty degeneration of the heart*. Is it fair to assume that the punishment of this poor wretch received on several occasions for breaches of gaol discipline included flogging? If so—and we fear it was so—his death, if not caused directly, was certainly accelerated by the brutalities to which, although suffering from heart disease, he was subjected under official supervision. We leave the ex-turnkey to

TELEGRAMS.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE export of all China teas stood, says the Foochow *Echo*, on the 28th ulto, as follows:—Shanghai, 40 million lbs.; Foochow, 20 million; Canton, 10 million.

THE five coolies charged with causing the death of a fellow-passenger on the steamship *Japan*, on the way from Singapore, were discharged yesterday afternoon for want of evidence.

A NEW Siamese school, says the Bangkok *Times*, will shortly be established by Prince Krom Mun Damrong in the buildings formerly occupied by Messrs. Wilson, Balfour and Co. of that city.

WE hear that owing to the 'Joss' attractions in the Holy City next Sunday, the H.K. C. and M. Steamboat Company have decided on sending the steamer *Kiungchow* to Macao on Saturday

Nullang, and that a petition to this effect has already been sent to the Viceroy. We further hear the Viceroy has sent a despatch to H.B.M. Consul on the subject.

A REPORT reaches the Foochow *Echo* that an epidemic has caused frightful destruction of human life at Hinghua and Cheongchew during last month, and it is said the mortality was so great that the supply of coffins was completely exhausted. Great numbers have been shipped from Foochow down the coast.

THE newest American lie relates to a machine which is said to be planted at the corner of an alleged street in Chicago. It bears the inscription: "Drop 10 dollars in the slot and get a divorce," and the man who puts his coin in has only to wait half a minute and the deed of separation comes up. If he puts in 20 dollars he can get damages against the co-respondent as well.

WE note that Mr. R. Ainslie Brown, a well known Edinburgh solicitor, has been entrusted by Mr. Parnell with the conduct of his action against *The Times*. In an interview with a reporter, Mr. Brown stated that he has personal knowledge of the possession of money belonging to *The Times* by an advertising agency upon which an arrest was served. It was decided years ago by an illustrious judge that the mere attachment of an umbrella or a walking-stick is sufficient to found jurisdiction.

A BILL to constitute a Court of Appeal in criminal cases has been issued. It is backed by Mr. Anderson, Sir John Simon, Sir Albert Rolfe, Mr. Rowntree, and Mr. Bradlaugh, and it gives an absolute right of appeal against conviction to all persons convicted of any criminal offence in England or Wales. One part directs that a copy of the Act, together with copies of such rules, shall be hung up in every cell where convicted prisoners are confined. Every governor of a jail is to keep forms of petitions of appeal, and to supply them to prisoners free of charge, giving them "every facility" for filling the same in.

SAYS the Bangkok *Times* of the 15th instance:—"A lecture was to have been delivered in Bangkok on the 'Evil effects of Drink' but as it was discovered at the eleventh hour that the lecturer was incapacitated from an extra dose of whisky and soda, proceedings were unavoidably postponed. The lecturer was in all probability putting himself to the test, so that he might, with greater efficacy, impress upon his audience the subject of his lecture, but he unfortunately overstepped the mark. We refrain from giving you the name of the lecturer, as it is not probable that he will, on a future occasion, be in a position to give us his practical observations as to the different stages of drunkenness with greater effect than he might otherwise have done."

THE Bangkok *Times* hears that Capt. Yarek, during a recent visit to Lacon, narrowly escaped being robbed of a large sum of money. A Burman entered the room at dead of night, where the treasure was deposited, and would have made off with a quantity of the shekels had it not been for the timely interference of one of the soldiers, who, in the nick of time, effectually closed the door on the intruder. Next morning he had been appointed to the guard duty before Chow Upar Haat, the second town of Lacon, but upon proceeding to open the trap it was discovered that the prisoner had, like the famous Roman general, fallen upon his dah, and expired from loss of blood.

SENTENCES.
Man Fat King, convicted of appropriating \$600, which he had found in the street, was brought up for sentence. Dr. Ho Kai applied for an order for the restoration of the money.

I am quite prepared to look at it from a Chinese point of view; and if you had restored it I should have given you a rather light sentence instead of one of two years' imprisonment. As soon as the money is restored if you make application to the Governor, I will recommend His Excellency to reduce the sentence to something nearer the period which I had fixed if you had paid the money at once. I have made the sentence severe so that you may not go to gaol and profit by your dishonesty.

The defendants were tried for conspiracy to defraud the Straits Fire Insurance Co. by setting fire to a dwelling house and shop which had been previously insured in that Company. --The Company prosecuted by their own Counsel, the Attorney General of the Colony having filed the following information :—

The trial extended over 6 days, and resulted in a verdict against the four defendants. The first defendant is the accountant of the shop which was burned, and with some others of whom the 2nd and 3rd defendants are two, slept in the shop. The 4th defendant is the master and sole owner. He did not reside on the premises but lived at a very short distance from them. When the defendants were arraigned they pleaded not guilty—and the trial proceeded till after verdict, when Mr. Robinson, Counsel for the defendants, by way of motion in arrest of judgment, objected that the information was bad, against the 4th defendant for not alleging any overt act of conspiracy against him, and that the words "agreed amongst themselves" were words of limitation, and only applied to the first three defendants. Mr. Robinson has had an opportunity of arguing the point. If I understand him rightly his contention now is, that the

information is too general and uncertain in nature so as to set out generally in the first part the nature of the crime only—and that although the principal part of the information is specific enough it is not limited in its operation to the case of the accused, but extends to all persons—because of the facts, and against themselves. He relied on *the Queen v. Wood*, 10 C. & F. 121, and *the Queen v. Mulcahy*, 11 C. & F. 297, in which the Court of Criminal Appeal cases, referred to the effect that a person addressed to the jury for a bare intention to commit a conspiracy, with the object of breaching what was a conspiracy—and the evidence by which it was

could be established." The portion I read was the following:—A conspiracy consists in two or more persons entering into an agreement or understanding with reference to the doing of an unlawful act by lawful means. So long as such a design rests in intention only it is not indictable. When two agree to carry it into effect the very plot is an act in itself and the act of each of the parties promise against promise, *actus contra actum*, capable of being enforced if lawful, punishable if for criminal objects or for the use of criminal means. The law is full of such conspiracy, as Goss and I have said in *Re v. Brindley*, and the inferences deduced from certain criminal acts of the parties accused done in pursuance of an apparent criminal purpose in common between them." I told the jury that they must be satisfied that the arson was the work of the three first defendants as the evidence would show before considering the fourth defendant. They were found that the fire was caused by the three and that the merest inference from the evidence, whether the fourth defendant had anything to do with it, whether there was a previous arrangement amongst the four, and that the fire was the overt act committed in pursuance of the agreement. Defendants' counsel has cited the case of *Regina v.*

See, e.g., *U.S. v. E. 093*, as bearing on the question of the counts in an indictment requiring the government to set forth the facts without payment, and that the indictment was false and fraudulent. In that case, the government was held that the indictment was not a criminal act, and that the indictment did not state in what respect the deed was false and fraudulent. It was held that obtaining goods without paying for them is not necessarily a fraud, and that the words might have been applied to obtaining goods without payment, and, accordingly, that the indictment did not state in what respect the deed was false and fraudulent. In the present case, the government is not required to set forth any of the facts in the indictment.

He added:—You have been found guilty of this conspiracy, and the decision was not arrived at in a hurry. A whole week was spent in trying your case, and the jury therefore had ample time to come to a conclusion. It is a clear and proper finding that three of you deliberately set fire to a pile of wood, on which oil had been poured, during the night. It was as wicked as it possibly could be to set fire to a ship in the dead of night, when overhead there were thirteen people sleeping, and a large number of stores still higher. There were coals in the rice pounders' place, and you would have left them to burn to death, giving them no warning, but simply trying to accomplish your own wicked purpose. Had you three men stood alone, charged with arson, the punishment you would have been liable to would have been much greater than under the present finding. But unless you had been brought up as a witness on a charge of conspiracy, there is great reason to suppose that the great culprit—the master—would have escaped, as he was not on the spot, and might have evaded the law, because he had managed the 'hing' adroitly. He counselled the deed, he was the moving spirit in it, and had the primary interest in getting it done. It was he who had the claim on the Insurance Company, if the fire was successful; the other three were merely what the Chinese call "the hands and feet" who did the work. I cannot make any distinction in the punishment, because if you three had been indicted for arson you would have been more severely punished, although perhaps the youngest prisoner might have had a lighter sentence. You must each go to Gaol for two years, with hard labour.

TWO FIRES TO-DAY.

Shortly after five o'clock this morning the Fire Brigades turned out to a fire at No. 17, Chung Sui Street, near the Chinese Theatre. About two hours before a woman who kept a firewood shop on the basement was devotional enough to set up and light incense sticks at the shrine in an adjoining room. The bad sticks, instead of being propitiated, took the fire sticks out and lighted a mat with them. The woman ran out and brought a lot of paper and matting in flames which she was unable to extinguish. She thereupon collected her children and ran out. The firemen found the place well alight when they got there, the upper rooms, which were used as lodging-rooms, being all ablaze. The fire was fierce for a little while, but was kept from spreading when an hour was under control, but the premises were gutted.

At about an hour and five broke out this time.

second-hand clothes shop. At this time in the Road West at the end of a substantial block of native shops, almost opposite the Civil Hospital, and adjoining the old F. and O. godowns. The Brigades were promptly out, but considerable delay occurred in getting the water supply. The fire soon spread from the shop where the outbreak had been to the shops on each side, and in a little over half an hour the whole front of the three places was in one bonfire. Thousands of Chinese thronged the surrounding streets for observation, but the residents in the neighbourhood showed the utmost apathy. The feeble stream of the Nam Pak Hong manual was used for a long time the only jet going, and as the flames leapt across to the verandahs of the buildings opposite, assisted by the breeze, it was with considerable difficulty that Mr. Wodehouse, the fire officer, directed the hose, could prevent the fire from securing a footing on each side. Besides the manual, a ludicrous attempt was made by a tiny hand-pump with a quarter-inch stream, and others dashing cups-full of water over the none-work many yards from danger. The volunteers directed their energies to the rear of the building, which was in dangerous proximity to a cluster of dwellings. The Government fire engine, which had been sent out to the three houses, was unable to get near the outbreak, owing to the heat, and a little by little the stone verandah crumbled down, the shops practically falling to pieces. Inside one of the three cartridges and crackers were exploding every moment, and one while some combustible matter caused the tongues of flames to lengthen until the opposite side was in considerable danger. The Brigades worked well, and many men in several instances saving property from the fire and afterward saving their own throats, who were seen dashing about. After an hour and a half all was darkened. The origin of the fire is not yet known. We understand that part of the property is insured.

ROYAL ARTILLERY AQUATIC SPORTS.

We append the results of the Royal Artillery Aquatic Sports which were held yesterday afternoon at the Victoria Recreation Club Bath-house. There was a very good attendance and the various events were well contested:—

200 YARDS. N.C.—OFFICERS AND MEN: A's first prize, \$2; B's, \$1. Ten entries.

Corpl. Gunnitt, 1st prize, 25 seconds; 2nd, 26 seconds.

Gunner Hayes, 3rd prize, 27 seconds.

Corpl. Gunnitt, 4th prize, 28 seconds.

THREE LENGTHS, SEROTS. STAFF SEROTS.
 R.A. THREE LENGTHS HAVILDAR'S AND HAV.
 MAJORS C.G.L.; first prize, \$5; second, \$3.
 Entries:—Master Gunner Long and Sin Singh.

Master Gunner Long.....	1
Sin Singh.....	2

2. TWO LENGTHS C. G. L.; first prize, \$3; second,
 \$2. Fourteen entries.

Jan Singh.....	1
Kasir Singh.....	2
Vangay Singh.....	3

SWIM UNDER WATER. A. R.; first prize, \$3;
 second, \$2; third, \$1. Eleven entries.

Gunner Covill.....	1
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TUB RACE. R. A. & C. G. L.; first prize, \$3;
 second, \$2. Eight entries.

Bomb. Young.....	1
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ROUND THE RED BUOY R.A.; first prize, \$5;
 second, \$2; third, \$1. Seven entries.

Corporal Gunnott.....	1
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ROUND THE RED BUOY C. G. L.; first prize,
 \$5; second, \$3; third, \$1. Eight entries.

Jan Singh.....	1
Shunda Singh.....	2
Kawja Singh.....	3

CRICKET.
1ST TWELVE v. ALL COMERS.

Weather permitting the above match will commence at 10 a.m. tomorrow and continue at 11 a.m. on Saturday. By permission of Colonel Anderson and the Officers of the 8th Regiment their Band will play on Saturday afternoon. It is hoped that all players will be punctual. The teams are as follows:—

FIRST TWELVE.		ALL COVERS.
E. J. Coxon (Capt.)	3rd Regt.	A. K. Travers (Capt.)
A. Lloyd	5th Regt.	A. E. Polard, R.N.
C. E. Higginbottom	"	G. G. Sinker,
C. H. Johnston,	"	Capt. Ramsey, R.N.
C. D. Smith	"	S. L. Davis
M. D. Graham,	"	Capt. R. Smythes, R.N.
S. J. Smith,	"	H. W. Dick,
A. de C. Scanlan, M.S.	"	Major H. Jones, R.A.
Major Job, stone, R.E.	"	H. E. Robbins, M.S.
W. Davies,	"	H. E. Fines
F. M. Ward,	"	Dr. H. S. Sparrow, R.N.
T. E. Davis,	"	H. de C. Huntman (Sgtl),
		C. P. Peller
		J. Little
		Dr. Atkinson,
		Capt. Stanley,
		C. Balock
		H. K. Murray,
		H. K. Osgren,
		Hon. H. E. Wedchouse, C.M.G.
		C. Inchbold,
		C. H. Parr,
		Capt. G. M. Macdonald, R.E.
		E. M. Blair, R.E.
		F. Grimbly,
		H. Twyford,
		J. R. Solomon,

**THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHIE DUA
SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the third ordinary yearly meeting to be held at the office of the Company, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday the 8th October 1888, at 4 p.m. :—

The Directors have now the pleasure to say before you the Accounts for the half year ending 31st March, 1888. These were prepared over two months ago, but it was then thought desirable to postpone this meeting until Mr. Secher had time after his return from this to write fully as to the position of things at Punjom and, if possible, also at Sunghie Dua.

The figures of the Accounts must be allowed to speak for themselves. You are all aware that the development of a mine costs a great deal of money in one way and another, and we earnestly hope that the expenditure may not, under the circumstances, be thought excessive.

It will be remembered that Mr. B'cher left this in the 2nd of June last. On his arrival in Singapore he found urgent applications from the Government as well as from Mr. Scafe at Sunghie for coolie labour, and it was also necessary and advantageous while he was in Singapore, to

engage the additional European staff required at Unjom. He managed to arrange all this and other matters by the 27th June, 1888, and left for Pekan. While there he, after much delay and the exercise of great patience, succeeded in obtaining an interview with His Highness the Sultan of Pahang, by whom it was promised that a proper survey of our property with regard to its boundaries should immediately be prepared, and that our request for an extension of our Tin Concession should be favourably considered, also our application for the monopoly of the steam traffic on the Pahang River.

Mr. Becker reached Rangoon on the 21st July, having been detained by low water in the river and having had a four days' walk overland, the river in its upper reaches being at the time so shallow for our stern-wheeler.

He was fortunate enough to secure in Singapore the European assistants he required, and in his latest letters he reports his staff as competent, and the work in progress as testing its utmost energies.

Our latest dates from Punjom are 24th and 28th August, received here per *Glenogle* on the 3rd ultimo. All those present have been given an opportunity of perusing these letters as well as others previously received, and those who have taken the trouble to look at them will have gathered what the position at Punjom was at date of these advices.

In the open cast mine, which is an old Chinese mine, it is reported, that good progress has

men made, arrangements being made for the hauling of ore from the bottom and tipping it straight into the crusher. The bulk of the exports got here and at tributors' workings is low, but with narrow stringers of rich stuff, which may be found to bring the average of winnings up to workable quality for the mill; but all this has to be practically proved on the floors. His assays in the meantime have apparently given

The prospecting tunnel commenced by Mr. Mart has proved too high to show the lode well exposed, cut, and prospects are to be begun at a lower level.

The stamping mill was started on the 24th inst., and Mr. Becher was wisely putting through a lot of low stuff first so as to get the mill well into working order, the concentrators adjusted, and the raw hands taught their duties.

was intended to commence at the beginning of September to put through a sample from the deepest available workings, and we ought soon to hear the result of this.

It is to be regretted that Mr. Becher does not express the most favourable opinion of the suitability of our plant for the ores to be treated, which are undoubtedly refractory, but he will nevertheless probably be able soon to say from practical working whether the quartz at the lowest level

man at present reach is of such quality as to justify deeper mining and the extensive outlay for further capital for plant, which it may be well to mention here, would have to be provided by issue of new shares.

We have not much late information from the Duta. There are now 70 coolies at it there, and a shipment of about 500 tons of has come to Singapore as a first instalment of their winnings. It would seem probable that property may turn out to be very valuable, and Mr. Becker does not hesitate to recommend further advances for the speedy development of the enterprise.

Formosa Island.—In the event of the success of our operations at Puncu, we would at

two useful boats for the Pahang River, where it is said they could be worked with profit and bring our mines within easier reach of Pekan. The stern-wheeler is working satisfactorily, and in time, especially if we get the monopoly of the river, we may look for profit from the traffic.

In pursuance of Article 15 of Association Messrs. E. L. Woodin and W. G. Brodie retire in relation from the Board, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Under the same Article Mr. T. E. Davies has been invited to a seat at the Board, and this requires confirmation.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. F. Henderson and E. J. Coxon, the latter acting for Mr. G. S. Coxon.

W. G. BRODIE,
Chairman.

1ST OCTOBER, 1887, TO 31ST MARCH, 1888.

Assets.	
Cost of Estate	\$150,000.00
Hongkong Bank, Fixed Deposit	70,000.00
Hongkong Bank, Current Account	10,374.03
Machinery and Plant, Construction	
Building at Punjom and Samantan	33,637.98
Steam-launch <i>Sri Pahang</i>	18,005.43
Steam-launch <i>Maude</i>	1,000.00
Steel Lighter	433.07
Instruments and Tools at Punjom and Samantan	1,725.25
Furniture at Office	380.88
Furniture at Mine	915.39
Stores on hand	3,833.50
Petty Cash	10.51
Suspense	
Interest on Calls	\$607.19
Payments at Mine	190.00
Less Call to be refunded	45.00
	\$ 752.19

Liabilities.	
Specie at Mines	100.40
Water Wheel	2,159.91
Oilum at Mine	1,138.80
Mangas at Punjom	7,838.16
James Morrison & Co.	133.53
Sundry Debtors	2,543.76
Interest on Deposits	383.56
Balance	102,565.14
	\$408,417.53

By Capital:—

39,943 Shares fully paid.

57 Shares upon which \$5 has been paid, ... 285.00

Syme & Co., ... 399,715.00

A. J. Shannon, ... 6,427.59

George Seale, ... 717.00

Sultan of Pahang, ... 407.94

Accounts Payable, ... 1,000.00

Balance, ... 150.00

\$408,417.53

WORKING ACCOUNT.

To Balance last Account, ... \$ 86,376.72

Charges, ... 72.79

On Lunch, ... \$2,100.40

On Treasure, ... 2.50

Salaries at Mines and Head Office, ... 2,102.90

Rent, Telegrams, Stationery and Expenses at Head Office, ... 10,068.99

Legal Expenses, ... 200.00

Disbursements Tin Concession, ... 55.09

Prospecting Tin, ... 191.84

Exchange, ... 242.20

Transport, Machinery and Stores, ... 504.49

Disbursements *Sri Pahang*, ... 1,484.20

Roads, Bridges, Milling, Sinking Shaft, Driving Mill and other Explorations, ... 2,931.75

Hotel and Travelling Expenses, ... 380.50

Auditors' Fees, ... 110.00

Balance, ... \$104,744.47

By Steam-launch *Maude*, ... 47.90

Interest, ... 2,094.68

Transfer fees, ... 30.75

Balance, ... 102,565.14

\$104,744.47

E. G. O. E.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1888.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

We have compared the above Statement with the Books, Vouchers, and Securities of the Company, and certify the same to be correct.

F. HENDERSON, } Auditors.
E. J. COXON, }

AMERICAN TELEGRAMS.

The following were crowded out of our yesterday's issue:—

HOWARD (D. T.), August 31st.

Great excitement exists among all classes here, brought about by the finding of gold dust, thickly mixed with sand, thrown from an excavation which workmen were digging for a wall.

Old miners were soon on the spot, and pronounced the find very promising. From the quantity obtained an assay was made, valuing the quality at \$18 per ounce.

SCRANTON (Pa.), August 31st.

A terrific explosion of gas occurred at the colliery of the Mount Pleasant Coal Company this afternoon, resulting in the death of a number of employees. It is impossible to learn the particulars, as the exploring parties were hindered from entering until danger from after-damp was over.

NEW YORK, August 31st.

Steve Brodie, who jumped off the Brooklyn bridge, went up to Poughkeepsie with his wife yesterday and examined the new Poughkeepsie bridge across the Hudson. Brodie announced his intention to jump from the top of the span from the shore on September 29th. The top of the span is 212 feet above high-water mark.

WINNIPEG, August 31st.

The Government last night ratified the agreement with the Northern Pacific Railroad—27 to 10, five supporters of the Government being among the minority. The Northern Pacific will push work with all possible speed.

LITTLE ROCK, August 31st.

The *Gazette's* Hot Springs (Ark.) special says: To-day marks an epoch in the history of Hot Springs, as ruin and wreck meet the vision everywhere, and nothing in this section has been known to compare with the results of last night's storm, which occurred too late to be telegraphed. It was a waterspout, and the valley was swept with a mighty tidal wave.

The loss to property is fearful, while the sacrifice of human life, under the circumstances, appalling. Swift and terrible was the visitation. Without warning the people were awakened from their slumbers to find themselves threatened with destruction by the mad waves. Strange to relate, few people were conscious of the terrible disaster till they awoke to look upon the desolate scenes this morning, and drag the drowned from the debris.

The storm struck the town about 11 o'clock last night. A northwesterly direction. It was accompanied by a stiff cool wind, though not strong enough to produce damage. Rain fell in torrents from 11 to 1 o'clock without intermission.

sion. Vivid flashes of lightning showed great sheets of falling water.

At the close of the storm, groans mingled with the shouts of the people and cries of distress, went up from the valley. Such citizens as were in the vicinity of the creek and ravines went forth to render assistance. The flood on Central avenue, principal thoroughfare, seemed an angry river. For over half an hour the avenue was transformed into a torrent fifty yards wide.

Boxes and parts of houses came down on the tide, and were left strewn on the sidewalks. Several large hotels were flooded to the depth of four feet with the murky waters. Many buildings were totally wrecked. Up to this hour six persons are known to have been drowned, and five bodies have been found in the wrecked buildings. The damage to property is estimated at \$100,000.

George W. Bean of Lancaster, Pa., and C. H. Coolidge of Cincinnati, visitors, have just arrived here from Hot Springs, and say that the destruction is beyond description. They say that thirteen persons were drowned. Nine bodies had been recovered, and inquests had been held on four. The lost are mostly colored people. Owing to confusion they could not learn the names of the drowned or the amount of damage done. The telegraph wires are closed, and it is impossible to get further particulars.

It is believed that at to-morrow's Cabinet meeting the privileges of purchasing supplies and of transshipping cargoes in Canadian ports will be granted American fishing vessels, and that all canals will be made free to vessels of both countries, in order to avoid the threatened retaliation.

BALTIMORE, September 2nd.

Ida Tracy, a pretty, brunette of 17 years, daughter of a policeman, left home yesterday morning disguised as a boy. Her parents knew nothing of her escape until 9 o'clock, when her mother went up to her room to call her. On the floor lay a wealth of brown hair which the young lady had cut off. Her feminine attire remained, but further investigation showed that an entire suit of her brother's clothing was missing, and so was the sum of \$35. No clew of the girl's whereabouts was obtained until her brother returned home to dinner. He then informed his father that he often heard Ida say she would like to go to Chicago to visit her brother; Mr. Tracy notified the authorities of his daughter's disappearance. She was caught at Cumberland, where the officers boarded the west-bound express from this city.

The officers had little trouble in finding the young lady, who occupied a seat with a lady with whom she seemed to be acquainted. She wore a neat suit of boy's clothing, and had the appearance of a delicate young man. After being arrested she did not attempt to deny that she was a young lady. She states that the reason she left home in the manner she did was because she has two brothers in the city of Chicago whom she wanted to visit, but was afraid that if she asked her parents they would not allow her to go. She was telling a lady friend of hers, who, she says, suggested boy's clothes. She says when she concluded to wear boy's clothing she started to cut her own hair, but found she could not get through with the job herself, so she went to a barber and had her hair dressed like a boy's. She seemed to enjoy the situation, and laughed at the way she left Baltimore. Her father brought her home to-night.

NEW YORK, September 2nd.

Mrs. Langtry sailed for England yesterday on the *Bavaria*. With her were her sister-in-law, Mrs. Clem. Le Breton and her two nieces, Mary and Jennet. Alexander Wyllie and Sir Alfred Gooch, who is going to England to claim a fortune recently left him, will be in the Langtry party on the trip. Previous to the ship's departure, a *World* reporter saw Mrs. Langtry in her state-room. She said she intended to stay abroad a fortnight. "I will secure some new gowns and a few better plays before I leave England," said the Lily, "and sail for New York about the 24th, in company with Mr. Gebhardt. We expect to come on the *Alaska*, but if we can gain time we may take some other vessel."

BALTIMORE, September 2nd.

Early this morning a fire broke out in the toy warehouse of Pricer, Helgenberg & Co., 107 South Street. Before the firemen could get to work an explosion of fireworks wrecked the building and caused the flames to spread to the drug house of J. H. Winkelman & Co., on the north, and the drug house of M. S. Levy & Co., on the south. Scarcely had the firemen entered the edifice occupied by the drug house when the inside of the building seemed to suddenly drop in. A terrible explosion followed and the immense building collapsed. The entire Fire Department had by this time reached the scene, and as the attention of the men was concentrated on the building under which their comrades were buried, the flames had a chance to spread with frightful rapidity. In a short time the entire block running from Lombard to Pratt streets was a seething mass of flame.

At the drug house the firemen worked bravely. Hoff were cut through the pavement, and every effort was made to reach the imprisoned men, but they were buried under a great mass of brick and iron, and fierce flames were roaring around the spot. Awful groans came from the pile, which seemed to make the working firemen put forth superhuman efforts.

After more than an hour's work it became evident that some of the men were alive, and that they were being roasted to death. John Kelley of Truck 2 managed to crawl out from the rubbish; of the men who entered the building he was the only one to escape with his life. He was cut and bruised, but his injuries are not serious. The names of the men known to have been buried in the ruins are: George Bowers, Thomas Wagner, John A. Combs and Perry Ryan of Hook-and-Ladder Company 2, and Harry Walker, George Kerins and Hiram McAfee of Engine Company 7. It is certain that these men have lost their lives, and it may be that others were with them when the crash came.

Key West (Fla.), September 5th.

A hurricane passed to the westward of this place last night. No damage has yet been reported in this vicinity. It was probably much stronger in Cuba. Reports from Havana state that houses were unroofed and trees blown down, and the storm is still raging.

The cyclone reported south of Florida yesterday apparently moved into the east gulf and is central southwest of Key West.

HAVANA, September 5th.

The expected cyclone struck the island near Sagua and reached Havana about midnight. Several vessels foundered off the coast and two sailors were drowned. Many persons were injured.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG, No. 1165.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FARMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, 4th instant, at 8.30 for 9 O'CLOCK precisely. Hongkong, 4th October, 1888.

Today's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship.

"YANGTSE."

Captain C. Tonningsen, will be despatched for the above Port, on SATURDAY, the 6th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Hongkong, 4th October, 1888.

APOLLINARIS WATER.

Per Case of 4 doz. Pints \$6.00 do. 4 " Quarts \$8.00

ALLOWANCE FOR EMPTY BOTTLES WHEN RETURNED.

\$1.33 per 100 Pints. \$2.66 per 100 Quarts.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co., Sole Agents, for Hongkong and China.

Pedder's Street, Hongkong, 4th October, 1888.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. ROSE & Co., to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY, the 8th October, 1888, at 2 P.M., at Upper Floor of their late Store Nos. 31 and 33, Queen's Road Central.

SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

REP COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, AROUND CENTRE TABLE, MIRRORS, PICTURES, and CARPETS.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDINGBOARD, WHATNOTS, CARD TABLE, CROCKERY, GLASS and LAMPED WARE, VIENNA CHAIRS, and LAMPS.

DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BED-STEADS, ENGLISH-MADE MAHOAGANY WARDROBE, DOUBLE WINGED WARDROBES, CHEST OF DRAWERS, TOILET TABLES, TOILET GLASS, and WASH-STANDS.

OFFICE WRITING TABLE, COPYING PRESS and DAVENPORT.

A COTTAGE PIANO.

AN AMERICAN COOKING RANGE, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Cash on Delivery.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1888.

Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship "OCEANIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

CHS. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1888.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "JAPAN"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 7th instant, will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are hereby informed, that all claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 6th instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1888.

Intimations.

WANTED TO HIRE, A SAILING BOAT not exceeding 3 tons.

Address—Stating terms per month. "5."

Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1888.

WANTED.

A CLERK for the HONGKONG HOTEL; a European preferred.

Apply to C. M. ROBERTS, Manager.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1888.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

A GOOD Second-hand full-sized ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLE, with BALLS, CUES, etc., complete.

Apply to M. P. c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1888.

MACAO.

WANTED to purchase, in a good situation in Macao, Small FAMILY RESIDENCE commanding a sea-view. Price must be Moderate. Apply with full particulars, by letter only, to W. H. c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1888.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

FOREIGN ATTACHMENT.

Suit No. 791 of 1888.

PLAINTIFF—WILLIAM POWELL.

DEFENDANT—L. B. CONNOR.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Writ of Foreign Attachment, returnable on the Fifth day of October, 1888, against all the Property moveable and immovable of the above-named Defendant within the Colony of Hongkong has been issued in this suit, pursuant to the Provisions of Section LXXXI. of "The Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure."

Dated the 25th day of September, 1888.

J. FRANCIS WEBBER, Plaintiff's Solicitor.

Stanley Street, Hongkong.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

CRUICKSHANK & Co., Ltd.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the rate of Six per cent. or Three Dollars per Share for the six months ending 31st August, will be paid at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on or after the 5th October. Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for their Dividend Warrants. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 30th inst. to 4th October, both days inclusive.

WM. CRUICKSHANK, General Manager.

Hongkong, 27th September, 1888.

FOR HIRE.

THE Fast Steamer "ELK" is always kept under steam of Pedder's Wharf and is at the service of the public for proceeding to and from Steamers, Picnic and Bathing Parties, etc.

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ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS OF THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES 1865 TO 1886 OF HONGKONG.

CAPITAL:—\$200,000.

Divided into 4,000 Shares of \$50 each, of which 600 are fully paid-up Shares and allotted, 2,400 have been applied for and will be allotted, and the remaining 1,000 are offered to the Public and are payable as follows, viz:—

\$10 on application; \$10 on allotment; \$5 on the 31st December, 1888, and the remaining \$25 when and as the same shall from time to time be called up under the provisions contained in the Articles of Association of the Company.

DIRECTORS: J. D. HUMPHREYS, ESQ. D. NOWROOZE, ESQ. E. C. L. REUTER, ESQ. A. FINDLAY SMITH, ESQ. E. L. WOODIN, ESQ.

BANKERS: THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

ARCHITECTS: MESSRS. DANBY & LEIGH.

SOLICITORS: MESSRS. WOLTON & DEACON.

THE COMPANY has been formed for the purpose of purchasing from the Vendors, the site of the AUSTIN ARMS at VICTORIA PEAK, Hongkong, Farm Lot No. 54, for the sum of \$50,000 (of which the Vendors agreed to take \$20,000 in fully paid-up Shares in the Company) and erecting thereon and keeping a large FIRST-CLASS RESIDENTIAL HOTEL, and also of purchasing from the Vendor, certain other pieces of ground at the Peak, registered as the remaining portion of Rural Building Lot No. 18 and Rural Building Lot No. 60, for the sum of \$50,000 (of which the Vendor agreed to take \$10,000 in fully paid-up Shares of the Company) and erecting thereon and letting a terrace of 11 Houses.

The Share Capital required for the above objects is \$200,000 to be raised by the issue of 4,000 shares of \$50 each, of which 600 shares fully paid up, will be allotted and issued to the Vendors in pursuance of an Agreement dated the 18th September, 1888, hereinafter mentioned, by which the Vendors agreed to sell the said Farm Lot No. 54 to the Company at the price of \$50,000, and to accept payment of \$20,000 portion thereof in 400 fully paid-up shares of the Company, and an agreement dated the 18th September, 1888, hereinafter mentioned, by which the Vendor agreed to sell the said Remaining Portion of Rural Building Lot No. 18 and Rural Building Lot No. 60 to the Company at the price of \$50,000 and to accept payment of \$10,000, portion thereof in 200 fully paid-up shares of the Company. A further 2,400 shares have been applied for and will be allotted, and the remaining 1,000 shares are offered to the Public and will be allotted and issued as the Directors of the Company shall determine and shall be paid for as follows:—\$10 on application, \$10 on allotment, \$5 on the 31st December, 1888, and the remaining \$25 when and as the same shall from time to time be called up under the provisions of the Articles of the Company.

The site of the "AUSTIN ARMS" contains 84,546 superficial square feet and is within 5 minutes walk of the Terminus of the Peak Tramway.

Commercial.

TO-DAY.

THE SHARE MARKET.

5 o'clock.

There is very little to report to-day. A few Canton Insurances have changed hands at 90, and further shares are wanted at that rate. China and Manilla have been placed at 122, at which figure there are more sellers. Some transactions in Luzons at 78 have been reported, but the stock closed a trifle weaker. Other quotations speak for themselves.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—152 per cent. premium, buyers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$87 per share, sellers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$68 per share, sellers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 285 per share, buyers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$90 per share, sales and buyers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 90 per share, buyers.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$165 per share, buyers.
On Tui Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$340 per share, sales and sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$76 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 34 per cent. premium, sellers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$218 per share, buyers.
China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—122 per share, sales and sellers.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$165 per share, sellers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—17 per cent. dis., sellers.
Douglas Steamship Company—\$58 per share, sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$185 per share, sellers.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$78 per share, sales and sellers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$70 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$13 per share, sellers.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—3 per cent. premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$70 per share, sellers.
Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, nominal.
Punjab and Sunghie Doo Samantan Mining Co.—\$111 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—64 per cent. premium, buyers.
Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—65 per cent. premium, sales and sellers.
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—285 per cent. premium, sellers.
The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$41 per share, buyers.
Crucifix Bank & Co., Ltd.—\$55 per share, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/11
Bank Bills, on demand 3/11
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/11
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
Credits at 4 months' sight 3/11
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 3/11
Bank Bills, on demand 3/11
Credits at 4 months' sight 3/11
ON INDIA, T. T. 224
On Demand 224
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 72
Private, 30 days' sight 73

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul..... \$550
(Allowance, Tael 32 to 64).
OLD MALWA, per picul..... \$550
(Allowance, Tael 32 to 64).
NEW PATNA, (without choice) per chest..... \$550
OLD PATNA, per chest..... \$505
NEW BARNARS, (without choice) per chest..... \$540
OLD BARNARS, (bottom) per chest..... \$491
to \$496
NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul..... \$500
OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul..... \$500
OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul..... \$550
to \$575

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

3rd October, 1888.—At 4 p.m.

STATION	Wind	Force	Direction	Barometer	Thermometer	Humidity	Clouds	Remarks
Whampoa	W	4	W	30.0	70	80	100	
Tsien	W	4	W	30.0	70	80	100	
Shanghai	W	4	W	30.0	70	80	100	
Amoy	W	4	W	30.0	70	80	100	
Swatow	W	4	W	30.0	70	80	100	
Shanghai	W	4	W	30.0	70	80	100	
Amoy	W	4	W	30.0	70	80	100	
Swatow	W	4	W	30.0	70	80	100	

4th October, 1888.—At 10 a.m.

STATION	Wind	Force	Direction	Barometer	Thermometer	Humidity	Clouds	Remarks
Whampoa	W	4	W	30.0	70	80	100	
Tsien	W	4	W	30.0	70	80	100	
Shanghai	W	4	W	30.0	70	80	100	
Amoy	W	4	W	30.0	70	80	100	
Swatow	W	4	W	30.0	70	80	100	
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HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

From Messrs. Falconer & Co's Register.	Barometer	Thermometer	Humidity	Clouds	Remarks
Barometer—9 a.m.	30.0	70	80	100	
Thermometer—9 a.m.	30.0	70	80	100	
Humidity—9 a.m.	30.0	70	80	100	
Clouds—9 a.m.	30.0	70	80	100	
Remarks—9 a.m.	30.0	70	80	100	
Barometer—3 p.m.	30.0	70	80	100	
Thermometer—3 p.m.	30.0	70	80	100	
Humidity—3 p.m.	30.0	70	80	100	
Clouds—3 p.m.	30.0	70	80	100	
Remarks—3 p.m.	30.0	70	80	100	

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Saphalie*, with the French mail of 8th ultimo, left Singapore on the 3rd inst. at 1 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 10th.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer *Neckar*, carrying the German mails, with date from Berlin of the 4th ultimo, left Singapore at daylight, on the 30th, and may be expected here, on or about the 5th instant.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Wing-tang*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 1st instant, and is expected here on the 7th.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific steamer *Albany*, with the Canadian mail, left Yokohama on the 4th instant, and Kobe and Shanghai for this port.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The D. D. R. steamer *Lydia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore on the 26th ultimo, and is expected here on the 5th instant.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Amphitrite*, from Trieste, left Singapore on the 28th ultimo, and is expected here on the 5th instant.

The Navigazione Generale Italiana Co.'s steamer *Stura*, left Singapore on the 28th ultimo, and is expected here on the 5th instant.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Hector*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 30th ultimo, and is due here on the 6th instant.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Nestor*, from London, left Singapore on the 1st instant, and is due here on the 7th.

The China Shippers' Mutual Co.'s steamer *Kaitoa*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 1st instant, and is expected here on the 7th.

The steamer *Strathleven*, from New York, left Singapore on the 3rd instant, and is expected here on the 9th.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

DAFILA, British steamer, 1,516, Neilson, 3rd Oct., from Sourabaya, 19th Sept., Sugar and General.—A. Van.
FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,503, A. Croad, 3rd Oct., from Whampoa 3rd October, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
PERRA CHULA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,012, A. Benson, 3rd Oct., from Bangkok 26th Sept., Rice.—Yuen Fat Hong.
TAIYUAN, British steamer, 1,450, A. Vardin, 4th Oct., from Kobe 24th Sept., Nagasaki 27th, and Foochow 2nd October, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
KWONGSANG, British steamer, 985, Sellar, 4th Oct., from Swatow 3rd Oct., Ballast.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
NAMOA, British steamer, 863, T. C. Pocock, 4th Oct., from Foochow 1st October, Amoy 2nd, and Swatow 3rd, General.—D. Laprak & Co.
CHOYANG, British steamer, 1,104, Balbernie, 4th Oct., from Whampoa 4th Oct., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
CHOW-CHOW-FOO, German steamer, 797, W. Wendt, 4th Oct., from Chefoo 28th Sept., Beans and General.—Chinese.
MOYNE, British steamer, 1,714, J. S. Hogg, 4th Oct., from Swatow 3rd Oct., General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
NAUPACTUS, British ship, 1,399, Lovitt, 4th Oct., from Philadelphia 12th May, Kerosine Oil.—Master.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Septima, German steamer, for Kobe.
Fushun, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.
Fushiki Maru, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.
Aberdeen, British steamer, for Yokohama.
Antenor, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Lady Harewood, British steamer, for Ilolo.

DEPARTURES.

October 4, Antenor, British str., for Shanghai.
October 4, Septima, German steamer, for Kobe.
October 4, Aberdeen, British steamer, for Yokohama.
October 4, Sarthe, French steamer, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Phra Chula Chom Klao*, str., from Bangkok.—58 Chinese.
Per *Taiyuan*, str., from Kobe, &c.—8 Chinese.
Per *Kwangtung*, str., from Swatow.—50 Chinese.
Per *Namoa*, str., from Foochow, Amoy, &c.—Messrs. Mancell and Sloane, and 234 Chinese.
Per *Myone*, str., from Swatow.—Mr. Coville, and 500 Chinese.
Per *Chow-chow-foo*, str., from Chefoo.—5 Chinese.

REPORTS.

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Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Japan*, to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
For Straits Settlements.—Per *Telario*, to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
For Shanghai.—Per *Fushun*, to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Sifats and London.—Per *Myone*, to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 4.30 P.M.
For Haiphong.—Per *Marie*, to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ADYSSINIA, British steamer, 3,000, Geo. A. Lee, 27th Sept., from San Francisco 22nd August, General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.
BENVENUE, British steamer, 1,497, Thomson, 1st Oct., from Singapore 22nd Sept., General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
CITY OF SYDNEY, American steamer, 3,016, D. E. Friele, 25th Sept., from San Francisco 30th August, and Yokohama 20th Sept., Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.
CRUSADER, British steamer, 671, Ogston, 25th Sept., from Manila 22nd Sept., General.—Soey Sing.
DIONE, Norwegian bark, 764, J. Petersen, 2nd Oct., from Sourabaya 23rd August, Sugar.—Order.
ELECTRA, German steamer, 1,625, P. Möller, 2nd Oct., from Kobe 26th Sept., General.—Siemens & Co.
FAIR, British steamer, 1,174, A. Stopani, from Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
FUSHIKI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,110, P. J. C. Franck, 1st Oct., from Kutchinotzu 26th Sept., Coals.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
GENERAL WERDER, German steamer, 1,820, W. von Schuckmann, 25th Sept., from Nagasaki 21st Sept., General.—Melchers & Co.
HEVER, German steamer, 388, Dethlefsen, 3rd Oct., from Whampoa 3rd October, General.—Siemens & Co.
JAPAN, British steamer, 1,865, Geo. B. Pallott, 1st Oct., from Calcutta 16th Sept., Penang 23rd, and Singapore 25th, 1,516 chests Opium, 270 bales Gunnies, 651 bales Cotton, 539 bales Jute, 1,556 bags Saltpetre, and 10,500 packages Sundries.—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
MARIE, German steamer, 704, Hohlmann, 2nd Oct., from Touron 27th Sept., General.—A. R. Marty.
MELITA, German steamer, 339, H. Morck, 27th Sept., from Whampoa 27th Sept., General.—Wiel & Co.
MIKE MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,382, Jas. H. Pyne, 29th Sept., from Kutchinotzu 24th Sept., Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
OCKANIG, British steamer, 3,808, Jno. Metcalfe, 3rd Oct., from San Francisco 8th Sept., and Yokohama 28th, Mails; and General.—O. & O. S. Co.
PILOT FISH, British steamer, 1,614, A. Stopani, from Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
PRIM, British steamer, 1,402, E. T. Jackson, 2nd Oct., from Singapore 25th Sept., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
TETARTOS, German steamer, 1,578, T. Petersen, 29th Sept., from Saigon 23rd Sept., General.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
VENETIA, British steamer, 1,600, Francis Cole, 30th Sept., from Bombay 12th Sept., and Singapore 22nd, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

ADOLPH, German bark, 867, E. Westergaard, 5th August, from Hamburg 19th April, General.—Order.
ANNA-BERTHA, German bark, 400, H. Nielsen, 9th Sept., from Keelung 28th August, Coals.—Order.
AUGUSTA, German bark, 475, J. Jensen, 9th Sept., from Newchwang 5th August, Beans.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
EMMA T. CROWLEY, American bark, 1,086, Pen-dleton, 10th Sept., from Shanghai 29th August, General.—Russell & Co.
ERIKONING, Chinese bark, 457, Uplum Examination hulk, Stonecutters' Island.—Chinese Customs.
FORTUNE, Siamese bark, 447, T. L. Soderstrom, 28th Sept., from Bangkok 1st Sept., Rice and Wood.—Chinese.
FRANCIS, American ship, 1,974, Geo. L. Bray, 10th Sept., from San Francisco 18th July, Ballast.—Master.
GOLIAH, Siamese bark, 544, Chas. Simpson, 6th Sept., from Bangkok 24th August, Wood.—Chinese.
GOV. GOODWIN, American ship, 1,459, S. Pray, 1st Oct., from Kobe 20th Sept., Coal.—Adamson, Bell & Co.
GREAT ADMIRAL, American ship, 1,497, James F. Rowell, 18th Sept., from San Francisco 26th July, Flour.—Russell & Co.
HATTIE E. TAPLEY, British bark, 907, J. McConachy, 5th Sept., from Sandakan 15th August, Timber.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
HEI-CHEONG, British bark, 320, T. C. Thomsen, 4th Sept., from Bangkok 12th August, Rice and General.—Kong Tong Tai.
HONOLULU, British ship, 1,599, Leavy, 2nd Oct., from Shanghai 24th Sept., Ballast.—Melchers & Co.
JOHN MCLEOD, British ship, 1,500, J. B. Stuart, 21st Sept., from Hamburg 20th May, General.—Siemens & Co.
LADY HAREWOOD, British bark, 382, C. H. Williams, 25th Sept., from Whampoa 24th Sept., General.—Chinese.
LAVENIR, British brigantine, 351, C. Rogers, 10th Sept., from Amoy 7th September, General.—Wiel & Co.
LUCIA, British bark, 640, Wood, 5th August, from Fremantle (W. Australia) 11th July, Sandalwood.—Order.
MONROYA, British ship, 1,492, H. Coming, 10th Sept., from Shanghai 29th August, Ballast.—Siemens & Co.
PENSHAW, British bark, 672, J. Mokay, 16th Sept., from Philippines 23rd August, Timber.—Lane, Crawford & Co.
P. N. BLANCHARD, American ship, 1,503, M. W. Blanchard, 25th Sept., from Hogo (Japan) 5th Sept., General.—Siemens & Co.
WM. H. CONNER, American ship, 1,423, Buteman, 10th Sept., from Shanghai 28th August, General.—Fustau & Co.

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STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Lydia	Hamburg	October 4th	Siemssen & Co.
Amphitrite	Trieste	October 4th	Austro-Hung Lloyd's Co.
Neckar	Bremen	October 5th	Melchers & Co.
Marseilles	Calcutta	October 5th	Carlowitz & Co.
Hector	Liverpool	October 6th	Butterfield & Swire.
Wingsang	Calcutta	October 7th	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Nestor	London	October 7th	Butterfield & Swire.
Kaisow	Liverpool	October 7th	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Strathleven	New York	October 7th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Saghalien	Marseilles	October 10th	Messageries Maritimes.
Albany	Vancouver	October 13th	Adamson, Bell & Co.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Bokhara	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Oct. 10th, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Moyone	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Oct. 9th, at noon.
Marseilles, via Suez Canal	Prometheus	Butterfield & Swire.	Oct. 13th.
Bremen, via Suez Canal	Ava	Messageries Maritimes.	Oct. 17th, at noon.
Bremen & Ports of Call.	Nectar	Melchers & Co.	Oct. 7th, at 10 a.m.
Trieste, via Straits, &c.	Amphitrite	Austro-Hung Lloyd's Co.	Oct. 11th, at noon.
San Francisco, via Yama	City of Sydney	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Oct. 6th, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, via Yama	Oceanic	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Oct. 17th, at 3 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via A. & C.	Abyssinia	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Oct. 6th, at 3 p.m.
Sydney and Melbourne	Tartar	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Oct. 8th, at 4 p.m.
Sydney, Melbourne, &c.	Ghazee	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	About Oct. 8th.
Auckland, Wellington, &c.	Taiyuan	Butterfield & Swire.	Oct. 6th, at 4 p.m.
Calcutta, via Straits	Japan	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.
Straits and Bombay	Venetia	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Oct. 6th, at noon.
Singapore, via S'akan, &c.	Memnon	Butterfield & Swire.	Oct. 15th, daylight.
Yokohama, via N'saki, &c.	Verona	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Oct. 11th.
Yokohama, Kobe, &c.	General Verder	Melchers & Co.	About Oct. 6th.
Shanghai	Hector	Butterfield & Swire.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Yangtze	Siemssen & Co.	Oct. 6th, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Nestor	Butterfield & Swire.	October 9th.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Priam	Butterfield & Swire.	To-morrow, daylight.
Haiphong	Marie	A. R. Marty.	To-morrow, daylight.
Coast Ports	Namoa	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Oct. 7th, daylight.

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